(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and

(c) by when the said projects are likely to be set up and the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF Ltd.) is exploring the possibility of setting up of joint venture fertilizer projects in resource rich countries where natural gas or raw materials phosphoric fertilizers are available in adequate quantity at reasonable price. The above efforts of the company are at exploratory stage only and no proposal has been concretized, so far.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up more NIPERs

628. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be please to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consider of Government to set up more NIPERs or its Centres in some of the States during Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B. K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) is located at S.A.S.Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. NIPER has been set up under an act of Parliament. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee set up by Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, proposal to set up some more such Institutes in the Country has been initiated. No final decision has been taken in this regard by the Government.

Import of wheat at higher price

629. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY:
SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to import wheat from the international market at a higher cost;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the amount of wheat that is to be imported;

(c) whether there is a stark difference between the wheat price in local markets and the price of imported wheat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?